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Amendment dated February 1, 2006  
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**SERIAL NO.:** 10/743,125 **ART UNIT:** 3739  
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**FOR:** **FLUID OPERATED RETRACTORS**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT**

Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

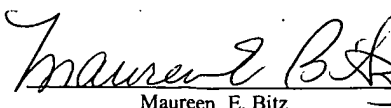
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